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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants AMEND claims 6, 7, and 10.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 6-12 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection.

The Examiner objected to the Specification for allegedly containing a minor informality. Applicants have amended the Specification to correct the minor informality noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Specification.

The Examiner objected to claims 7 and 10-12 for allegedly containing minor informalities. Applicants have amended claims 7 and 10 to correct the minor informalities noted by the Examiner. With respect to claim 12, Applicants did not intend and do not intend to claim a Markush group. Claim 12, as originally presented, clearly and specifically recites that the etching step includes ion bombardment by applying at least one of Ar gas, carbon fluoride gas, chlorine gas, and an N₂ gas to the interdigital transducer and the piezoelectric body. Thus, Applicants have not amended claim 12 to recite a Markush group. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 7 and 10-12.

Claims 6-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 6 has been amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6-12 are allowable, as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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